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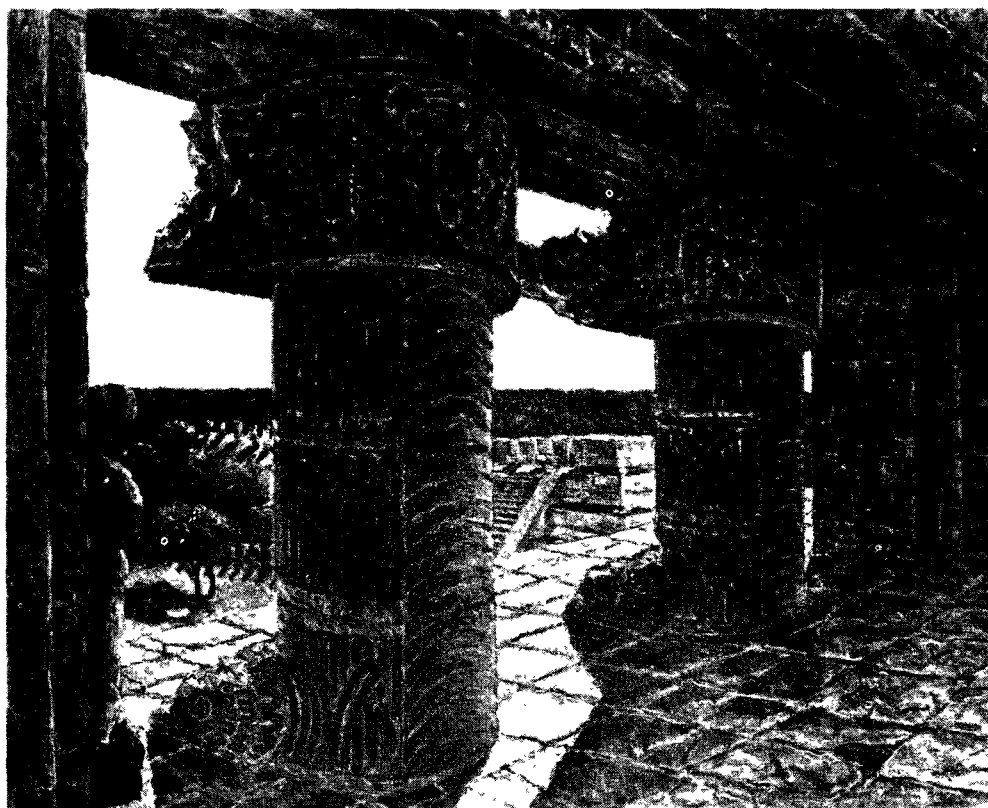
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Beloved Centurion:

This is the last lecture lesson in THE MIRACLE TEMPLE SERIES. We have liked its teachings, its principles and its strength, and so it is with some regret that we bring these Revelations to a close.

However, our regret fades into the background as we prepare to go with you on the next seven steps of the Journey, ever onward and upward in The Mayan Path. We hope you, too, have liked this Temple Series, and if you have had some unusual experiences during this phase of your studies, we would like for you to write to us about it, telling us your experiences.

At this point in your Mayan studies, we would very much like to have you go back over the seven lessons, including this one which you have in your hands now, and tell us which of these seven has proved the most beneficial to you, and why. Outline which has been the most inspirational to you and has caused you to feel within you a surge toward greater accomplishments in your life, a desire to do more. It may be that one of the messages in The Miracle Temple Series has brought you more peace and contentment of mind than perhaps some of the others have done. Just tell us in your own words how you have felt about this series and what it has done for you. We need this information. It helps us analyze your progress and we like to know what happens in your life. We have included in the back of this lesson a special blank page for you to write your reactions, entitled, "The Help I Have Derived From The Miracle Temple Series".

YOUR LIFE is our greatest interest, and as you progress we rejoice. YOUR SUCCESS is our inspiration and our gratification in the work we have been doing, lo these many years. Your letters telling us of your happiness and the benefits received from being a member and companion in The Mayan Order is our way of knowing that we are succeeding.

As an example, I would like to quote from a beautiful letter which came to me from one of our members: He says, "I am still on the 'Mayan Pathway' and it is getting very interesting as I climb higher and higher toward the 'Pinnacle of the Pyramid'. Only God knows how happy I am in knowing that I have found grace in His sight to be a partaker of the TRUTH that these lessons contain. Even though I feel like a beginner among my Companions of many years standing, yet the 86 lessons I have received so far have done more for me than all the knowledge gained prior to the date when I became a Mayan. Yes, I'll soon be 60 years old; spiritually speaking, I feel younger now than ever before. It cannot be explained in words to be understood; it can only be experienced and well understood by my Companions on this Pathway of life. It is wonderful to know God in reality and be on speaking terms with Him twenty-four hours each and every day."

You will notice that this good member speaks of climbing higher and higher toward the pinnacle of the pyramid, and he expresses his great joy. You will notice also that he says his benefits cannot be explained in words - it can only be experienced - and that is true. That is why it is sometimes difficult to explain to prospective members the miraculous change that can take place in their lives if they will but join our great caravan on its journey to the heights. To fully comprehend the benefits of Mayanry, one must experience it. It is our privilege here at Headquarters, and yours as a member, to do our best to make those whom we deem worthy KNOW WHAT IT CAN MEAN TO THEM TO BE A COMPANION WITH US ON THE PATH. You

can help bring this about by making your life a shining example to those with whom you come in contact.

We all desire happiness in life. Not all of us want the same things from life. Some want better health above everything else, others want love and harmony in their lives; still another person wants more friends and another a home, or perhaps a better job or more money. Each one has a different goal. Each one perhaps has a different way of finding that which he or she needs, to make life a beautiful reality. As you study this lecture lesson, note the importance of GIVING YOURSELF as you go through life, for truly this is the greatest and surest way I know to receive. By giving we do not mean to give only so that you may receive. GIVE of your talents, your service and your money because you WANT TO DO IT wholeheartedly, and, in so doing, achieve true and lasting happiness. This Revelation can enlarge your understanding in this particular department of living.

Now, let us say slowly together the words of our Master Prayer, in order to prepare our minds and hearts for the message:

MASTER PRAYER

Father God, I stand at the threshold of the closing lesson of this series, and ask that I may be helped to conserve in life values through action any truth I have learned. I realize that I have been created to be, and know, and do. Help me to make the most of each and all these challenges. Amen.

THE CLIMAX

You have no doubt noticed that all the six preceding lessons have dealt with the various means we have of exploring the universe, material and spiritual, which means exploring the area of life itself. By the principles we have considered we are able to learn something of what that universe is like, and to discover at least the beginnings of some of its many roads to reality and understanding. Following these paths of contemplation always enriches the life of the explorer, and it has already begun to enrich yours. We can better understand what we see going on when we know something of the mechanism back of it, and understanding something of the general plan of life's many roads enables us much better to know which way to turn as we move along.

Life is a story, and the action of any story leads to a climax. All knowledge implies doing something about that knowledge, and doing something about it becomes a drama that moves on to the moment when the sky clears and the confused threads are untangled.

A dream must result in action or it is not worth the dreaming. Fulfillment must follow the plan or the plan is of no value. A story must reach a climax or it never quite becomes a story. Life, like the mind, asks, "Well, what of it?"

Remember that every line of discovery leads to the time for action. The man who knows many things is learned, BUT THE MAN WHO KNOWS WHAT TO DO ABOUT THOSE THINGS IS WISE. Therefore, the climactic challenge of this series is DO.

Each and every life is intended by its Maker to give expression to something

or other. No matter who or what you are, you have something in your soul that God sent into the world specifically by you. It may be a song, a new kind of rose, an undiscovered principle of truth, a new invention, an improved condition, a better way of doing something, or any one of countless other things. Whatever it is, it is your contribution to the life of the ages, and you are here to give it form and reality.

If at times you have done something along the line of expressing your dream, you have had at least a moment of deep, inward satisfaction, as though you knew that for that moment at least you were standing in your appointed place and doing your assigned task. If you have given expression to your vision, you have had a happy life, no matter how many problems and difficulties you have encountered. One is restless till he begins to discharge that task, but from that time on he is content.

Many unhappy people are going about wondering what is wrong, going to psychiatrists, and seeking various aids, when all that is wrong is the fact that they have a life dream rattling around in their souls making friction and tension, and they are not doing anything to remove it by giving it form and handing it out to the world to use and enjoy. To get that dream realized and into use is your work, the thing you have to DO.

WE LEARN BY DOING

Everywhere you look you will find the fact that we learn by doing being manifested as a law of nature and life. Many people think animals are born with instincts that tell them how to do this or that, but study shows that mostly they find out what they can do by doing it. A little aquatic worm knows only that it exists in the water. Then it shrinks from a stick or stone and finds that when it wiggles it swims. So it and we acquire a growing list of powers and skills.

A mother bird waits till the wings of her offspring are strong enough to use. Then she pushes him out of the nest. He spreads his wings to break his fall, and finds that he does not need to fall, for he can fly. This again is a story of learning by experience.

The whole story of life is like that. WE LEARN TO DO BY DOING. We have built this knowledge up into extensive and complex proportions, but in experiment is where all physical functioning starts. Many thoughtful people believe that this process of effort tends to develop the necessary organs and muscles with which to do the things the needs of life demand, and that this is the way we have gradually developed the innate powers the Creator planted in our first few cells.

How is one to learn how to operate this principle? That is not difficult. Anyone can do it, and in fact, everyone does. If you feel a challenge to accomplish a certain this, or realize a certain aim, just begin and see if your powers will not coordinate in the effort. If they do not do so at first, keep trying, perhaps in different ways. The Father will not let you fall. Even though you never knew before what your wings were for, you will find that you can fly.

Somewhere along the way you will discover something you can do extremely well, something that is good, probably something that is a service to the world. There you are. That is your art, the thing for which you have an inborn genius.

Some years ago a friend gave the writer a camera case, one that would cost a good deal of money if bought at the store, even if one as good could be bought at all. He had made it himself, without experience in leather work and with nothing but the dimensions of the camera to go by. This man was in a work he did well but without genius. He could do fine leather work with genius. That is always a pity.

It is said that all the world loves a lover. It does, but it loves some other people too, and one of them is the one - any one - who is a master of his work - any work. Lately the writer has admired a thinker, a leader, a builder, a gardener, a porter, and a railroad brakeman, because each was an artist at his task.

There is something each one can do better than anyone else. It is the expression of something within him. Wherever something is lacking in the world or its life is a place where someone has failed to discharge his obligation. Search your powers and leadings till you find your task, and do it. And do not be discouraged if you do not immediately find it.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

It is a well-known principle of education that no process of learning is complete till the knowledge has been applied. The first step is to learn a thing, and the second is to carry it out. In the second step we find the proof of the value and rightness of the first.

We have all known too many people whose lives were pitiful failures in spite of the fact that they had learned many things and passed with good grades, and then never followed any of their knowledge through. We have also known others who had mastered and then started spending their precious unreturning years doing something less significant and important.

A certain minister, long since gone to his good reward, was serving a church in a small town. The people loved to hear his sermons. Yet he was asked to resign. Someone asked why they wanted this man to leave when he was an example of goodness and everyone loved to hear him preach. He was told that the trouble was not with the minister's way of life but the fact that he insisted on others following it also, and not with his sermons but the fact that he seemed to expect the people actually to apply them in their lives. This was too costly and troublesome. This minister was a valuable leader and one who was doing the kind of thing necessary to establish the kingdom of God in the world. Of what use is an unpracticed formula for improvement? Why have a gospel nobody does anything about?

A young man had spent some time in a certain medical school, and wanted to transfer to another one. The dean undertook to find out just how he should be classified. Among other things he asked the young man to tell and demonstrate what he knew about the vagus nerve. He proceeded to give a beautiful description of it, and then could neither find it nor explain how to do so, though at one time he actually had hold of it. If allowed to complete that kind of a medical education - learning without doing - he would have made a physician who could have spoken beautifully of his work, but without being able to carry it into practice.

It is so with all the things we learn. If they are ends within themselves rather than means to carry out worthwhile purposes we are not even repaid for the trouble of learning them. KNOWLEDGE REACHES ITS COMPLETION ONLY IN PRACTICE.

There is work to be done in the world, work that needs to be done expertly. There are things that need doing, that need doing well. There are achievements and realizations each of us needs to attain in his own life. We do these things first by finding out the truth about them, and second by acting and living in accordance with it. Truth is two things - a pattern and a program.

Know the truth, and the truth shall make you free, we are told. This is so only if the knowledge is carried through its implications. Free for what? Just being uninhibited is not freedom. Truth makes us free to do and live according to its principles. That is freedom without a minus sign before it.

The true scholar and the true wise man make the fields of their daily lives laboratories where they try out ideas to see what they will do and how well they will work. Set up your laboratory now. In fact it is already set up, and you need only to use it. Learn there what to do and how to do it. Demonstrate truth in action.

THE DIVINE LAW

This is not just a human suggestion. It is a divine law. We find it recorded in the Letter of St. James in the New Testament, the first chapter and the twenty-second verse, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves". This, by the way, was favorite verse of President Theodore Roosevelt, who at least once took it as a theme for a famous public address.

Like any great literature, and certainly like any Bible literature, these words mean a great deal more than would appear from superficial reading or quotation. Examination adds much force to them. Let us remember that two letters in the New Testament, both of them short, were written by men who were sons of Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, and who therefore grew up in the home with Jesus and had the best of opportunities to know him and his way of thinking, though both accepted him as being divine only after he was crucified and rose from the dead. One was Jude and the other was James.

There is a certain similarity in their writings. Both letters throb with a deep feeling of conviction not so prominent in other books of scripture. This must be the influence of long daily contact with the Master on these men's minds. Though they had accepted him late, this influence had been present and had carried over in their lives. James must have known, then, what Jesus himself would have thought and said about a given thing. He thought it would be in this case that unless one does what he learns he is only making himself the victim of self-deception.

That is the mistake made by people who go to church, hear the gospel, and do nothing about it; also by the people who learn things in school or elsewhere, go into raptures about its beauty and wonder, and then just let it go to seed. Every truth is a challenge, and everything one comes upon in his questing is a call to duty.

St. Paul speaks of having written his message on the fleshy tablets of the hearts of those he was addressing. It is true that the heart becomes a living record of what we learn. It is also true that our lives become its lasting memorial. As an old song runs, we are only remembered by what we have done. The passing world never sees our thoughts, our understandings, our knowledge of the great principles

of life and achievement; but it does see the realizations of them we build in action.

At the wedding feast of Cana, after Jesus had wrought an amazing miracle, and people were wondering at it, his mother, who had learned that no one need be surprised at anything when he was present, said simply to the other guests, "Whatever he says to you, do it." That is all there is to do when one learns something good.

Let us say once more that what the word of truth, wherever and however recorded, needs is not the proof of argument but the proof of demonstration. What the human race is most hungry for is to see people whose lives are demonstrations of the truth. There are never enough of them, but people eagerly watch them and eagerly wait for more to appear. See if you yourself cannot give your world a first-rate demonstration of the word of truth.

BUILDING

What we have been considering is the process of building that finished structure that will be called our lives. We build little by little, a stone here and another there. We build of pieces of all kinds and shapes. We used varied materials. We follow varied architectural patterns. It takes all this to build a life. Josiah Gilbert Holland, the great editor and writer, caught the idea of the living of life - the whole life - as a building process. In his poem, Gradatim, he claims even that if we attain heaven we do it by building our way there:

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

"I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod
To the purer air and the fairer view.

"We rise by the things that are under our feet,
By what we have mastered of good or gain,
By the pride deposed, and the passion slain,
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet."

If once we realized the truth of this we surely would stop living in haphazard fashion, determine what we want to construct, and begin selecting and using our materials with that in mind. One thing is already sure - when the structure is finished, it will be what we, with the help of God, have made it.

Holland's noble lines may suggest that this process of building has to do only with the unusual and sublime. The fact is that it applies to the humblest dwelling and the most obscure builder too. Longfellow has stated the case of this humble man in The Village Blacksmith. The simple and obscure worker he pictures has yet managed to make something fine of his life. In one stanza the poet explains how.

"Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes.
Each morning sees some task begun.
Each evening sees its close.
Something accomplished, something done,
Has earned a night's repose."

In the erection of a building each day is a working period. It is supposed to register some progress in the enterprise as quitting time comes. In the life-building business there is no quitting time, but it is a good thing to think of it in day units - a little progress each day. Performing such a task by occasional spurts of interest and energy usually turns out disappointing. The best results are obtained by building steadily day by day.

IT TAKES PATIENCE. Some great cathedrals have been two or three centuries in the building. One earthly life cannot take that long, though the larger unit of which it is a part may. Yet, the building of one life is all one person can do. Patience is necessary, for some of the work is yet years away; but if that is to be well done when the time comes we must do well the preliminary things we are doing now.

All this has to be done brick by brick, day by day, act by act. Many a busy morning and many a tired night has to go into it, yet it is a happy task when one is building with a purpose.

"Ye are God's building", said St. Paul. Even God considers our lives construction projects and is working on them with us. That is an unbeatable partnership. Follow it through.

SERVICE

One easily overlooked thing should be pointed out before we go further. IT IS THAT A CONSIDERABLE PART OF ONE'S OWN LIFE NEEDS TO BE BUILT BY DOING THINGS TO HELP OTHERS IN THE BUILDING OF THEIRS. BY THIS WE MEAN ACTS OF SERVICE. What we help another person to put into the walls of his life structure is also in some unexplainable way built into our own.

It is somewhat like the old house raisings in America's earlier and more neighborly days. In forest land being cleared off and settled, the writer has seen whole communities of men meet and help each other build their cabin homes. They would meet at a given homesite on a given day, and by night the walls of a house would be up and the clapboard roof in place. When the community was established every house had in it the handiwork of every neighbor.

The American frontier has gone, and those days and practices have gone with it, but they represented something in the way of cooperation and good will we may well hope has not departed. Perhaps we have one way of keeping that spirit alive in being helpful to each other in the struggle of life building. In fact we must if we are to build well. Every man for himself is not a safe or satisfactory plan.

We do not mean to force service on people who do not want it, or wasting effort where it is not needed. We mean lending a hand when and where it is needed, so all can move along together in a common march of progress, with no one left behind through no fault of his own. Some can be helped best in one way and some in another, but all true helpfulness will add something to the structure of what is to stand as the temple of your life.

This has furnished practically the whole structure for some careers, like Florence Nightingale who founded modern nursing carrying mercy to the soldiers in the Crimean War, Clara Barton who raised up the American Red Cross out of a like service to the sick and wounded in the American Civil War, and Jane Addams who made her Hull House a light of hope and better living in a Chicago slum, and many others.

As his thanks for having been saved from drink, a certain man has founded a radio program of helpfulness in a large city. He devotes his whole attention to it and has been a leader in doing wonders for alcoholics, drug addicts, and needy people who have nowhere else to turn for help. Not all can do things like that, but each of us can in some way render his share of helpfulness in a troubled world. THESE ACTS WILL BECOME STONES IN OUR TEMPLES, PERHAPS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ONES THERE.

DO Things then, and let some of the things you do be for others. According to the old promise, bread cast upon the waters will come back to you after many days, though it sometimes comes back much sooner. This is an enterprise in which you cannot lose, for the worth you build into other lives will appear also in your own. Intelligent and really helpful service is doing at its best.

A PARABLE

There was once a little drab, crowded spot where the quality of living was at a very low ebb. Schools were few and poor, living conditions were inferior, and there were no cultural opportunities or beautiful places to inspire the people.

Not too far away was a beautiful city, with lovely parks, fine architecture, comfortable homes, the best of schools, museums, art galleries, and cultured personalities to send out an uplifting influence. There the drab, unsatisfied lives of the other little place could have found how to upgrade themselves, could they have but visited there. But they could not. There was no road. Generations came and went, and people lived and died, have heard of, but never seen the City of Hope.

Came a man who refused to accept the situation as it was. He determined that a good road should be built between the two places. It was a long, hard task; he got funds appropriated, plans made, and workmen employed; so in time the work was under way.

As the road was pushed forward the portion already built became the way over which men and materials were transported to bring the highway each day a little nearer to the goal. It took a long time. When the road was finished the man who had envisioned and inspired it was old and gray, but he had accomplished his purpose.

Rendering this service was his task, his contribution, the main part of the structure of his earthly life. Now the current of life, ideas, and improved ways of thinking and doing, flows freely between the two places. The drab little place has taken on new life as it has learned to promote education, safeguard health, and feel the pulse of the larger world. Whatever the City of Hope has for the Village of Status Quo may be freely had for there is a road between them.

Of course when the road was finished for the use of the people the man who got it built had the benefit of it too. That is what happens when one does as he would be done by. He finds that loving his neighbor is better than loving himself, for they both get the benefit.

The action of life and the unfolding history seems largely to consist in building roads from the status quo to something better. We see something we and others need - education, opportunity, facilities for more effective living. But the goal is far away and the country between is rugged, so we start building roads.

We are all trying to build a road to a better and happier world life. Prophet, poet, and Saviour have proclaimed it. St. John has described it, but the description is too long to repeat here. Read it for yourself in the last two chapters of the Book of Revelation.

As you ponder you will see that this better world is what God wants us to have, and what little by little the ages are building a road to. It was very far off when John saw it, but the road pushes nearer to it all the time. Every worthwhile thing we do is another paving stone on the road to the day when all tears shall be wiped away.

We must arrive at this kingdom of heaven by doing God's will on earth. We are looking into a future of limitless possibilities. All that lies between us and them is the effort necessary to build a road. That is life's challenge to you and to all of us. Let us accept this challenge and earnestly dedicate ourselves to the Meditation which closes the MIRACLE TEMPLE SERIES.

MEDITATION

I give thanks for a clear conception of the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem, which I now regard as a practical possibility. I have seen the pattern of the world life to which I have the privilege of helping to build a road. Here and now I resolve to try to build well, and to keep at the task till my part of it is done.

Blessings,

Your Class Instructor.



THE FOLLOWING MEDITATION

As we leave the MIRACLE TEMPLE SERIES, I would like to request again that you go over these last seven Revelations and then use the blank sheet to express your reactions, as I have outlined to you at the beginning of this lesson. Here is a truth which I believe you will find has applied in your study:

Very often, when we are learning, whether it be music, a foreign language, a course in truth teachings, no matter what it may be, you may feel that you are not absorbing what you are studying as completely as you would like. But bear this in mind:

That which you are studying is registering in your subconscious mind and works for you without your conscious mind being aware of it, so that now as you go back over the same material, you will find that a great many of the truths expressed therein will have more meaning to you than even you, yourself, realize.

This reminds me of a letter received from one of our members saying that she had received Lesson 119. She goes on to say, "After every lesson I feel a gradual change come over me. It seems to be a very slow one but then comes a time when it flowers out or engulfs me and I see and understand."

What has really happened is that her subconscious mind has been working on that which she has studied, and then at a later date, quite suddenly, understanding dawns, so partly for this reason I feel that a review of this series is important to you, not only that you gain understanding, but in preparation of that which is to come. It is my sincere hope that the first lesson in the new series of seven will find you READY.

May God bless you and crown your efforts toward self-improvement with glowing success.

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Signed: _____